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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT: OCTOBER 13

1. WHILE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK ON USAF PLANE, GIEREK EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TALK AS USUAL ON SUNDAY MORNING WITH HIS GRANDCHILDREN IN KATOWICE. TEN MINUTES LATER HE AND MRS. GIEREK WERE ON THE PHONE WITH THE GRANDCHILDREN AND THE ENTIRE POLISH PARTY WAS DELIGHTED.

2. ARRIVING IN NEW YORK, GIEREK CANCELLED SIGHTSEEING AND REMAINED AT THE POLISH UN MISSION UNTIL THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE. MRS. GIEREK, HOWEVER, DECIDED TO GO SIGHTSEEING ALONG WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. OLSZOWSKI.

3. AT A RECEPTION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, GIEREK TOLD AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE OCTOBER 10 DEMONSTRATION HAD NOT BEEN ORGANIZED BY POLISH-AMERICAN GROUPS BUT RATHER BY A LOCAL ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE AND HAD CONTAINED ONLY
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CZECHS AND YUGOSLAVS. HE SAID THAT "A STONE HAD BEEN

LIFTED FROM HIS HEART" BY THIS NEWS.

4. AT THE SAME RECEPTION AND LATER AT THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY, GIEREK MADE A POINT OF PERSONALLY THANKING EVERY AMERICAN OFFICIAL PRESENT FOR THE KINDNESS AND HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO HIM AND HIS ASSOCIATES. HE EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DAVIES FLEW BACK TO WARSAW WITH GIEREK, AT HIS INVITATION. INGERSOLL

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